GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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HATHI COMMITTEE
Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hathi Committee on pharmaceutical industries had recommended for promotion and marketing of generic drugs in order to bring down the prices of drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the recommendation of the said committee have not been implemented till-date; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c) A Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals industry under the Chairmanship of Shri Jaisukhlal Hathi was constituted on 8-2-1974 to examine various facets of the Drug Industry in India with a view to promoting growth of the Drug Industry. The Committee submitted its report in April 1975 and recommended, inter-alia, abolition of brand names in a phased manner and procurement of single ingredient drugs and drugs included in Indian Pharmacopoeia for Central and State Government Institutions and local bodies under generic names. Government laid a Statement on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 29th March, 1978 containing its decisions on the recommendations of the Committee. Later this came to be known as Drug Policy, 1978.